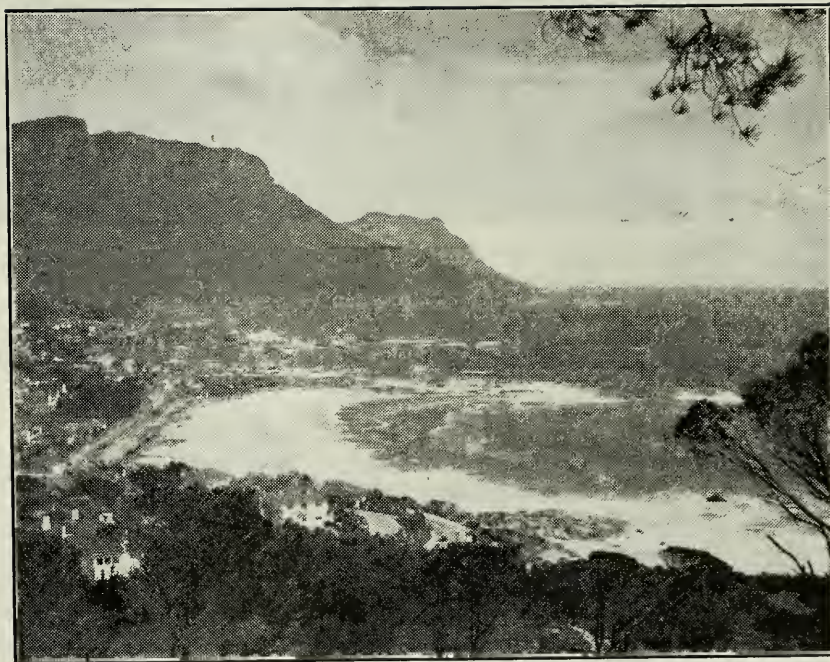
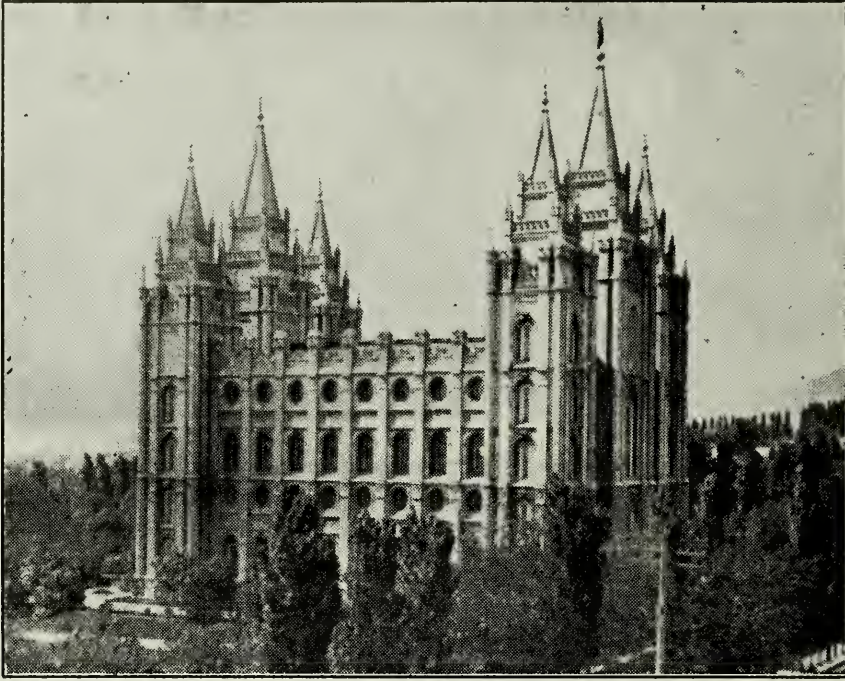


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The Salt Lake Temple.

To Stand Through the Millenium

*I*N the year 1847, even before descending down into the sun-baked valley of the Great Salt Lake, Brigham Young had had visions of Temple spires rising out of the desert. He knew the exact spot where it was to be built and had seen in a vision the shape that the building should take. The foundations of the temple are sixteen feet thick at the base, the walls vary in thickness from nine to six feet. The temple was built at a time when the very existence of its builders was threatened with famine and hunger. One would think that under such conditions the building would have been made of sun-dried

brick or adobe. But no! They built a four million dollar temple. They built it "to stand through the Millenium." It is built of grey granite obtained from a quarry that is twenty miles distant. Four days were required to haul a load of granite from the quarry to the temple.

The pioneering spirit that ruled among those people is now thought to be one of the greatest things that ever moved the heart of man. Said Brigham Young, "Build not for to-day not for to-morrow, but for all eternity."

Dean A. Ellsworth.

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THE COVER:

A recent picture of Camps Bay. It is here that one may go and look at the sea and find rest and repose from the rigours of the day. As the waves roll in one after another, we may think of the orderliness and persistence of God's creation. Or, when the winds blow and the tempest rages and the water dashes against the stones, throwing a stinging spray of brine into our faces, we may think that the heavens are angry and that the angry billows of a heavy sea, are the expressions of the wrath of the Almighty.

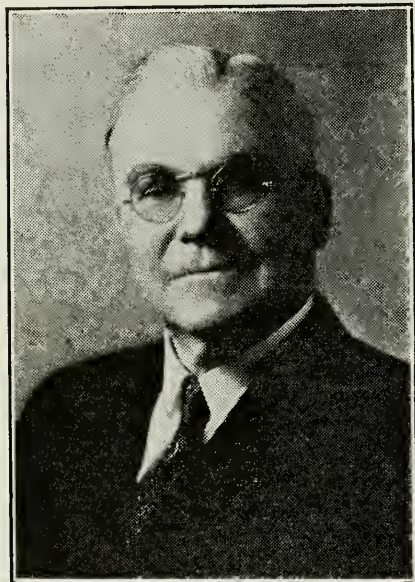
INSIDE COVER:

The Salt Lake Temple, built under the direction of Brigham Young, stands to-day as a reminder of things that have passed and as a prophecy of things that are to come. It has been built to last a thousand years.

The Holy Ghost

By Elder Charles A. Callis, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

IN the sacred pages of the Book of Mormon these eternal truths appear: "Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ" (II Nephi 32 : 3) And again: "For when a man speaketh by the power of the Holy Ghost the power of the Holy Ghost carrieth it unto the hearts of the children of men" (II Nephi 33 : 1).



Elder Charles A. Callis.

A man is fearfully and wonderfully made. In this earthen vessel are heavenly treasures—an immortal spirit of which God is the Father, the immortal Priesthood and the immortal gift of the Holy Ghost. Surely we ought not to defile the temple of the Holy Ghost by using things which our Father hath forbidden. Quite recently one of the foremost captains of public address gave this forceful admonition: "Do not think," he said, "that education weans you from the spiritual law." He was, of course, referring to education in a broad sense, to the schooling we receive in the Uni-

versity of Life. But when the spiritual law is subordinated to the selfish plans and feelings of men, misery steps in. If the spiritual law were dominant in the hearts of men there would be no wars. With few exceptions every war has been "a rich man's war and a poor man's fight." It is said that three-fourths of the men who fought in the Confederate Army never owned a slave.

President Brigham Young called Karl G. Maeser, the great educator, to go to Provo to organize and conduct an academy to be established in the name of the Church—a Church school. Before leaving for Provo to start his work he went to President Young and said: "Have you any instructions to give me?"

The President looked steadily forward for a few moments, as though in deep thought, then said: "Brother Maeser, I want you to remember that you ought not to teach even the alphabet or the multiplication tables without the Spirit of God. That is all. God bless you. Goodbye." That was Dr. Maeser's guiding star. By that spirit he reached the hearts and touched the lives of thousands for good and brought them into that true idealism—the right of the spiritual law to be uppermost in the hearts of men.

The work of the Holy Ghost is wonderful. The Prophet Joseph Smith said: "You might as well baptize a bag of sand as a man if not done in view of the remission of sins and getting of the Holy Ghost. Baptism by water is but half a baptism, and is good for nothing without the other half—that is, the baptism of the Holy Ghost." The regenerating and cleansing power of the Spirit is a blessing from heaven.

Jesus Christ tells us that "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." We are told to rise above all carnal desires, to walk uprightly, conquering self, which will give

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Grandma's Boy

By Marjorie Griffith.

JOAN says that Freddy's grandmother is nearly crazy about the whole thing. It's not only the wedding—it's the wild stories that are floating around about it. It's not true that Freddy's grandmother cut him off from her will; neither did she faint in the church. But the way Joan told it, you could see that Mrs. Farrington (that's Freddy's grandmother's name) had good reason to be provoked about it.

You see, Mrs. Farrington had always been a sort of unwelcome providence in Freddy Perry's life. Sure, she adored him—he's her only grandson—and he's fond of her. She's always doing nice things for him. But the trouble is that she does them at the wrong time. You remember that time he was in high school, and he'd been elected captain of the football team, and suddenly left with his grandmother for Europe? He didn't want to go, of course; not just then, I mean. If it had come at some other time he wouldn't have hesitated a moment. But his family backed Grandma up—she'd lent them some money or something—and Freddy had to go.

Then you remember Freddy wanted to be an engineer, and he'd just settled himself at the state university, when along comes Grandma and jerks him out and sends him to Harvard. She wanted him to be a lawyer, and a lawyer he is.

There were other times, too, when Freddy had to give in to her. She bought him a tux, and insisted that he wear it during that summer when everybody was having cord-and-cotton dances. When she found him cutting down that old flivver he had, she bought him a swell new bus and had the junkman haul the old heap away. Sure, Freddy liked the new car: but he wanted to keep the old one, too, because he was trying out some kind of gadget on it. It was like that all the time; Grandma kept giving Freddy things, but always when he didn't want them.

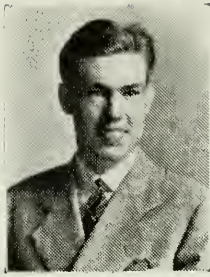
I suppose when it came to the business about the law office, Freddy was so used to giving in that it was a habit with him. Here again, Mrs. Farrington was giving him something he didn't want just then. He'd finished law school and was working for Dustin, Mallock and Bray, and although a law clerk in a big firm like that hasn't an awfully impressive position, he was getting experience and making contacts. He liked the work, and he didn't feel ready for an office of his own.

This was Mrs. Farrington's offer: she would pay the rent of an office for Freddy for a year, and she would pay his secretary's salary for the same length of time, on the condition that she be allowed to hire the secretary. And you can't guess why she wanted to hire the secretary. She wanted to hire a secretary that wouldn't marry Freddy!

Freddy just about hit the roof when he heard that condition. But his grandmother was determined. She had it so he couldn't refuse. She had an idea that Freddy's marriage was like an alliance between royal houses, and she intended to pick out a suitable bride, and then tell Freddy to marry the girl. Until she found a wife for Freddy, she wasn't taking any chances on Freddy's marrying some stenographer.

I suppose the people at the employment agency nearly fainted when they heard what kind of secretary Mrs. Farrington wanted. The secretary had to be pretty; Mrs. Farrington knew that a good secretary could take about half the work off Freddy's shoulders. And she must be engaged to be married! The old lady figured that the only marriage-proof girls were those that were already married, and those that were firmly engaged. She didn't approve of married women working—with ideas like hers, she wouldn't—so she specified that Freddy's secretary must be engaged.

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"We Mormons"

By Elder Paul D. Backman.

A TOP the uppermost spire of the cynosure of Mormon eyes, the Salt Lake City Temple, an imposing gilded figure pierces the sky. This majestic replica of the Angel Moroni in the act of blowing a trumpet symbolizes the restoration and proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We Mormons too often fail to appreciate the full significance of the angel—too often fail to realize the strength of the Mormon position.

Ofttimes in my proselyting endeavours I have been confronted with this question: "What is the difference between Mormonism and the countless number of Christian creeds in the world to-day?" or, "How does your Church differ from mine?" What a golden opportunity to teach the verities of life! The very essence of our Church's power resides in those features which distinguish it from other sects, and so in answering these questions we are revealing the source of the strength of the Mormon cause.

The authority to administer in the name of God is operative in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to-day and every honest member is entitled to a personal testimony of this fact; therein lies the strength of the Mormon Church!

A thorough study of ecclesiastical history coupled with an insight to the scriptures brings one to a realization of the veracity of the falling away from the first Christian Church—thus necessitating a restoration—Mormonism signifies a complete restitution. The story of the return of the gospel to the earth, culminating in the reception of the power of the Priesthood by Oliver Cowdery and the prophet Joseph in 1829 is a glorious illustration of

our Father's present love and interest in His handiwork.

From the pulpit I recently expounded this statement: "I believe the Mormons are a superior people!" It was not in a boastful manner that I expressed this thought, for innately we are not above par. It is in the light of added spiritual illumination that the Latter-day Saints have superseded the world. A statistical comparison substantiates our physical or bodily superiority, while the Mormon understanding of life and possession of divine authority speak for spiritual advancement.

We Mormons—from Adam, the original "Mormon," to our present day members, have been in constant need to come to a greater realization and appreciation of the strength of the Mormon position!

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The Deseret Club Movement is the name of a new effort among Mormon College Students of America to associate themselves together on the various college campus. Their aims are: (1) to safeguard religious idealism of L.D.S. students through personal guidance and religious instruction; (2) To build fraternalism and fellowship among L.D.S. students through social and recreational activity. Eight groups of this organization have now been formed. They are:

- (1) University of California at Los Angeles. (Chapter organized 1932.)
- (2) Los Angeles Junior College. (Chapter organized 1933.)
- (3) University of California. (Chapter organized 1935.)
- (4) University of California at Berkley. (Chapter organized 1935.)
- (5) Pasadena Junior College. (Chapter organized 1936.)
- (6) Compton Junior College. (Chapter organized 1936.)
- (7) Woodbury Business College. (Chapter organized 1936.)
- (8) Los Angeles High School (Chapter organized 1937.)

Plans are being studied for the formation of a chapter at Stanford University in the near future.

EDITORIAL

Your Mission

By Richard E. Folland.

IN the Kirstenbosch gardens there is a grave with a simple, yet very impressive stone marked in the form a cross. The inscription reads "If ye seek his monument, look around." This is the burial place of the Garden's first director, Henry Harold Welch Pearson. Survey the surroundings and view the beauties of nature, the assembly and arrangement of which has greatly enhanced their loveliness. This is indeed a wonderful monument.

All about us there is a profusion of monuments, indications of achievement, which remind us of Henry Emerson Fosdick's statement: "... while God supplies quarries, He never carves statues or piles cathedrals save by the hand of a man; ... that the earth was not built like Aladdin's Palace, by magic spells for lazy occupancy, but is an unfinished world into which men are ushered in time to bear a part in its completion," and that "every honest piece of work is co-operation with God in building the universe."

This thought should encourage us, should make us realize that we are indeed placed here for a definite purpose, that of building the universe, leaving the world, if you please, in a little better condition than we found it. Before we can start to "carve statues or pile cathedrals" out of stone, we must carve our character out of the spirit which has been given to us. We cannot hope to build everlasting monuments until we shape our own lives.

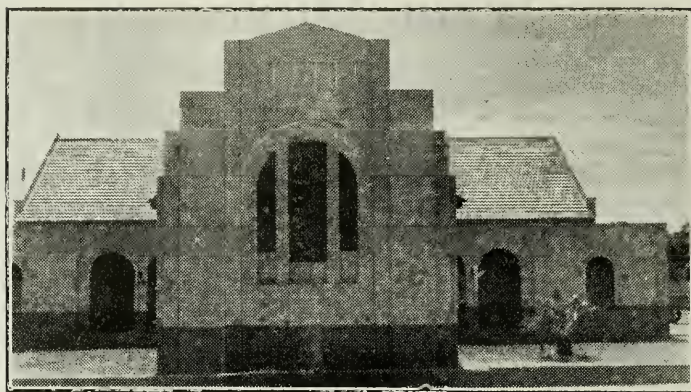
Witness the accomplishment of every Pioneer, for concrete example, the Mormon Prophet Joseph Smith. This young man placed himself in tune with the supreme power, received his instructions and then carried those instructions out to a completion. He exercised his free agency, gave the knowledge of eternal life and salvation to all. No task was too great or difficult. He finally gave his life as did the Saviour, so many years before, for the cause he loved and believed in. His monument is the effect of his influence on the lives of hundreds and thousands of souls, both living and dead. His memory will live forever.

We may not all be prophets, but we can all be pioneers in some great effort. We can begin now, if we have not already started, to make our life greater by sharing those eternal truths and thereby leave some living monument to our memory. Have the old pioneer spirit and faith, that your efforts will be rewarded. Be willing not merely to work hard but to strike out for new things and remove obstacles to development.

"Do not then stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do;
Fortune is a lazy goddess,
She will never come to you.

Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare,
If you want a field of labour,
You can find it anywhere."

The Church Moves On!



75 people attended a Traffic Party sponsored by the Ramah Boy Scouts on 16th September. Signs, Signals and Cops added to the official atmosphere. This is a new idea as far as parties are concerned. It is the first recorded Boy Scout Party that has been sponsored by the Church in South Africa.

Ramah scored again when 100 people crowded the Ramah hall on 30th September to enjoy the Tricycle Derby. Prizes were given to the winners. Other events contributed to the success of the social.

Pietermaritzburg Branch reports that the attendance at Sunday night services is expected to reach 40 before the end of the month. This is phenomenal in view of the fact that in 1936 the Elders began working there for the first time.

Building for the future, the Port Elizabeth Saints have now collected more than one hundred pounds to be put into their building fund.

Madame Petit, of the Sea Point Musical Society, was a guest at Cumorah's Musical Festival conducted by Sister Violet Taylor on the 28th.

The Church now has a branch in Fairbanks, Alaska. On his recent tour of the North-Western States Mission, Presi-

dent Peston Nibley organized a branch of the Church in Fairbanks, a city of 2,500 inhabitants. He also organized a Sunday School at Anchorage, Alaska. President Nibley reported that he found members of the Church in positions of responsibility and trust in nearly every port of call.

"Deseret Industries" is the name of a new salvage and manufacturing enterprise which has been formed to further aid the poor of the Church. It is part of the Church Welfare Programme of the Salt Lake Region. The Board of Directors of this new feature are: Louise Y. Robinson, Howard J. McKean, Marvin O. Ashton, Howard Barker, Edward M. Ashton and Eric W. Ryburg. Stuart B. Eccles has been selected as Manager.

According to recent figures given out by President J. Reuben Clark, almost seventeen per cent. of the Church expenditure go to the supporting of the Church Educational system. All this to the end that the "youth of Zion may be taught, built up, encouraged, heartened, that they may not fall by the wayside, but go on to eternal life."

J. Wiley Sessions has recently been released as director of the Missionary Home and appointed instructor in the Logan Institute.

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From Pens of the Great

The highest and most lofty trees have the most reason to dread the thunder.

Charles Rollin.

Life would be a perpetual flea hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the inuendoes, inveracities, insinuations and misrepresentations which are uttered against him.

Henry Ward Beecher.

The secret of the true love of work is the hope of success in that work; not for the money reward, for the time spent, or for the skill exercised, but for the successful result in the accomplishment of the work itself.

Sidney A. Weltmer.

The less people speak of their greatness the more we think of it.

Bacon.

God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us heirs of the spiritual life of past ages.

William E. Channing.

There are two worlds: the world that we can measure with line and rule, and the world that we feel with our hearts and imagination.

Leigh Hunt.

I envy the beasts two things—their ignorance of evil to come, and their ignorance of what is said about them.

Voltaire.



Though syllogisms hang not on my tongue,

I am not surely always in the wrong;

'Tis hard if all is false that I advance,

A fool must now and then be right by chance.

Wm. Cowper.

I have a cure for boredom that never will fail: it is made of ten rules. Go out among the people and perform one kind act, ten times.

Carrie Chapman.

"Dignity is one thing that can't be preserved in alcohol."

Graeme and Sarah Lorimer.

"Unless a man undertakes more than he possibly can do he will never do all that he can do."

Henry Drummond.

"Nothing is more fun than to have a little more to do than you can get through with."

Wm. Wrigley.

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day, and at last we can not break it.

Horace Mann.

Man is not the creature of circumstances. Circumstances are the creatures of men.

Disraeli.

Those who are quick in deciding are in danger of being mistaken.

Sophocles.

Poverty is uncomfortable, as I can testify; but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself.

James A. Garfield.

BEGIN TO-DAY.

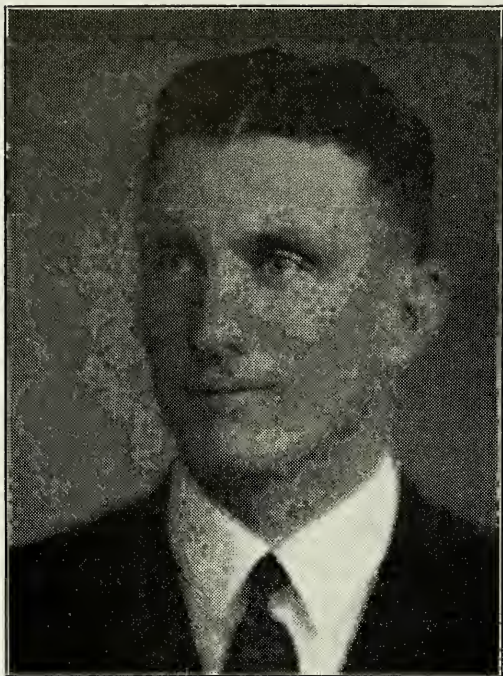
Dream not too much of what you'll do to-morrow,
How well you'll work perhaps another year;
To-morrow's chance you do not need to borrow—
To-day is here.

Boast not too much of mountains you will master,
The while you linger in the vale below;
To dream is well, but plodding brings us faster
To where we go.

Swear not some day to break some habit's fetter,
When this old year is dead and passed away
If you have need of living wiser, better,
Begin To-day.

Vancouver Daily Province.

Honourable Release



ELDER JOSEPH R. MESERVY.

There has been none more sincere nor more earnest in the work of the ministry than Elder Joseph R. Meservy. He can look back with a degree of satisfaction and look forward to greater accomplishment because of his application to his work and because of the experiences and contacts he has made in the mission field. A large portion of Elder Meservy's time has been spent at Port Elizabeth and at the time of his release he was President of that district. He and his companions did splendid work in pioneering the Pietermaritzburg branch. In the more than two years that he has been in this country he has created a lasting impression for good. We all join in wishing him God Speed on his journey home and the blessing of the Lord in his future undertakings. Truly we may say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

R. E. F.

Grandma's Boy.—Continued from page 149.

Well, the day came for the interviewing. I can just see Mrs. Farrington, sitting very straight in a chair in Freddy's new outer office, and interviewing girl after girl. There weren't so many; girls that are pretty and capable and engaged are harder to find than you'd think.

While Grandma was sitting in the outer office, Freddy was sitting in the inner office, biting his fingernails, and praying that she wouldn't like each girl as she came in. All he could do was sit there and listen.

After Freddy was practically a wreck, and Mrs. Farrington was getting tired, Joan entered the office. Freddy heard a sort of approving note in her voice when she began interviewing Joan, but that didn't reassure him much. First Grandma asked Joan's experience. That was O.K. Next she went into Joan's family history, and that was O.K. too. Joan has some quite impressive ancestors. Finally the old lady asked the crucial question. Was she engaged? Joan said yes, and showed Mrs. Farrington her ring.

"I hope you'll be very happy, my dear," said Grandma, and Freddy could tell that she approved of Joan. Then she opened the door into Freddy's inner office. "Frederick, this is your new secretary, Miss Sprague," she said. She watched them greet each other formally, and then she went home beaming.

She wouldn't have beamed so much if she'd known everything. In fact, Joan was the last person she would have hired.

Joan was engaged all right. But she was engaged to Freddy!

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ARRIVAL OF NEW MISSIONARIES.

Three new missionaries arrived 21st October aboard the *Warwick Castle*. They are Elders King Smith Udall, Phoenix, Arizona; J. Keith Hansen, Bear River City, Utah; and Quintin E. Crockett, Preston, Idaho. Elders Crockett and Hansen have been attending the Brigham Young University, and Elder Udall has been attending the Arizona State College.

The Holy Ghost.—Continued from page 148.

us the testimony that we are pleasing God. But how can men do these things without that greater power of righteousness in their souls that the Holy Ghost brings to them; that great regenerating force which enables them to cast from them lust, evil thoughts, and the thought of doing things that will hurt their fellow creatures? This great strength, the powerful operation of the Holy Ghost, will make one shake at the very appearance of evil.

There is another office of the Holy Ghost: He will guide into all truth. The Lord Jesus said "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you."

And again, He said: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

"He will guide you into all truth." What is truth? "And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come." What a broad, comprehensive definition of truth the Lord gives! And because we are guided into all truth by that infallible guide, the Comforter, we hold dear to our hearts these great fundamental principles: The divine parentage and the mission of the Lord Jesus Christ, His crucifixion and divine atonement, the glorious resurrection, eternal life, the eternity of the marriage covenant—all of which bring forth joys inexpressible, the unspeakable gifts of God, manifested to our souls by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Ghost is an infallible witness that God is no respecter of persons. All officers in the Church may have for their guidance and direction in the duties with which they are entrusted this blessed spirit of inspiration, so that they will hear behind them a voice. "This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right or when ye turn to the left."

The Holy Ghost is the genius of the Holy Priesthood. Remove from the men of the Church, clothed with this power, dispossess them if that were possible of the guiding influence of the spirit of revelation and they would be as unproductive in the ministry as the dry sand on the seashore.

The Holy Ghost is the testimony of Jesus. "No man," said the Apostle Paul, "can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." The Saviour declared that "the Kingdom of God cometh not with observation," not by external show, for the world is deceived by outward ornament. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

When the Saviour of the world stood before that cruel judge Pontius Pilate and Pilate, in a sneering manner, addressed this question to the Saviour, "What is truth?" the embodiment of truth was before him. Truth personified was there. But Pontius Pilate could not recognize the truth. Why? Because "the Kingdom of God cometh not with observation."

"Except a man be born again," said Jesus Christ, "he cannot see the Kingdom of God," and "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." It has been said by a philosopher that the eye see what the mind brings it the power to see.

The Latter-day Saints have the Holy Ghost in their hearts. John Wesley rose to a great height of inspiration when he said: "We through the Holy Ghost can witness better things." Because we have the gift of the Spirit we behold all the wonderful truths of the Gospel. We know the Kingdom of God is on the earth.

"Jesus asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that Thou art John the Baptist: Some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for

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How Do We Reckon Our Tithing?

By Olin H. Jeppeson.

ONE young man stated that his conscience was his sole guide; that he kept no account of his earnings; simply paying some money to the bishop when impressed until he felt in his heart that he had paid enough. He seemed to think that the Lord would manifest to him, without any effort of his own, what tithing he should pay.

A fairly prosperous farmer, owner of a fine improved ranch, kept a detailed financial account of his affairs. At the close of each month he balanced his figures. If his expenses exceeded his income he paid no tithing that month, notwithstanding he had lived well during the period. He had not included in his figures what he and his family had consumed, *i.e.*, milk, butter, eggs, meat, fruit, vegetables, flour, wood, modern conveniences, etc.

Another brother with a part-time job paying over a hundred dollars per month also had a small farm where he lived and worked. He deducted all his car and travel expense, all machinery equipment, and current upkeep expenses, before figuring what should be tithed. Needless to say, his tithing was somewhat skimped.

A storekeeper refused to pay tithing during these lean depression years because his books failed to show a profit. Yet he had the best home in town and his family had plenty to spare and even to waste.

On the other hand, a young couple, after struggling along for a few years, took stock of themselves one day. They decided to repent of their neglect and from then on to pay a strict tithing. As they paid they were blessed. To-day, after a few short years, they are out of debt, have an adequate home, and are thriving. Everything they own has been tithed and they are humbly proud and happy over it.

If we deduct all living and working expenses; if we pay alms publicly as the Pharisees, and call it a tithing, we are deceiving ourselves.

Faithful, intelligent observance of the law of tithing will bring benefits and blessings as surely and rightfully as observance of the Word of Wisdom or any other law of the Gospel.

Full tithepaying is one of the highest types of honesty, because it is a debt of honour.

Neighbourliness, unselfishness and love for our fellow men is highly exemplified in the quiet consistent payment of tithes and offerings. The donor is unknown to the recipient, and the help is distributed to the needy by the most inspired and unselfish organization on earth—the Priesthood of God.

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The Holy Ghost.—Continued from page 155.

flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16 : 13-18).

I believe with all my heart and know that this Church is built upon the rock of revelation. Joseph Smith, an apostle of Jesus Christ, through whose instrumentality the Lord established His Church upon the earth for the last time, thus testifies of the resurrected Christ: "And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of Him, this is the testimony, last of all which we give of Him that He lives." For we saw Him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that He is the Only Begotten of the Father."

Science and Religion

By Elder Matthias F. Cowley.

NO people hold more sacred the principle of marriage, nor esteem more highly the possession of chastity than do the Latter-day Saints. Among no people is a lapse of virtue so rare as among this people. We consider sexual crime the most blighting curse that infests the earth to-day. Adultery is considered as next to murder in the catalogue of crime. Individuals guilty of fornication or adultery are promptly excommunicated from the Church unless the sin is followed by the most profound repentance and the best restitution which can passibly be made.

The children around the family altar, in Sunday School, Mutual Improvement Associations, Primary Associations, and all the institutions of the Church are taught to hold their virtue more sacred to them than life itself. When they attain the years of maturity and enter the holy state of matrimony they vow before God, angels, and living witnesses that they will never violate the marriage covenant. We believe that God ordained the union of the sexes in marriage not only for time but for all eternity.

It is largely due to this fact and to the deeply religious elements which enter into marriage among our people that divorces are so rare. Young men and women are taught that while pure love and perfect congeniality should exist between the

parties to the marriage covenants, passion and infatuation should not be the ruling motive, but principle should control; and that in the weakness of humanity the dangers of mistakes in the mating of sexes are so great that the only safe way is to seek in prayer and supplication the guidance of divine providence. They are also taught to so live in daily walk and conversation that their Heavenly Father will answer their prayers.

To feel sublimely impressed that marriage is for eternity and that God is directly interested in us tends to make our people more careful and considerate, more prayerful, in choosing of a husband or wife than they otherwise would be. To increase the solemnity of the ceremony God has commanded that the work should be performed in a holy temple erected to His name. The result of such teaching is a far greater percentage of happy unions and a much smaller percentage of divorces among the Latter-day Saints than among other communities.

That marriages should be for all eternity is evident from holy writ. When Adam and Eve were married there was no death and hence the union would endure forever. We are told by Isaiah that God will annul their covenant with death. In the Book of Ecclesiastes it is written, "I know that whatsoever God doeth it shall be forever."

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Talks on Doctrine (Marriage)

By Elder Nephi Jensen.

 HERE are four great constructive agencies in the world to-day—science, philosophy, art and religion. A correct understanding of the distinctive task of each of these instrumentalities of civilization will do much to dispel the supposed conflict between science and religion.

What is the distinctive task of each of these agencies? A very simple illustration will aid us in finding the right answer to this vital question. You have in your pocket a little machine. It is round in shape and rather flat. On one side there is a dial, with moving hands that mark time, or time intervals. You can approach this little machine from four distinct angles.

Suppose the watch should stop running. You would immediately be confronted with a problem—the problem of finding out just why the watch had stopped going. That is a problem in science. It is a very simple task to be sure. If a technician in watch-making should examine the watch and determine just why it had stopped, and do no more, he would have performed a purely scientific task. For it is the distinctive task of science to find the facts and discover the truth. If this watch technician were disposed to act like a real scientist, and you should ask him to repair the watch, he would promptly say “I don’t repair watches. I am a scientist. I simply find the facts.”

Now suppose you should become interested in the precise function of your watch in its relationship to the sum total of truth; and should want to know the relation of the element of time measure-

ment, to the totality of truth, you would be confronted with a problem in philosophy. For it is the task of philosophy to systematize and unify truth.

Suppose you should become dissatisfied with the ornamentation on your watch case. You would then be confronted with a task in art. For it is the distinctive task of art to create the beautiful; and to put a robe of beauty on things to signify that they are complete.

Finally suppose your watch should stop running because the mainspring had lost its elasticity; and you should touch the spring with some energizing substance and re-sensitize it. You would be performing a task analogous to the task of religion. For it is the distinctive mission of religion to touch the mainspring of the soul—the conscience—and awaken it to new life, energy and power.

Or, substituting truth for the watch; it is the special mission of science to discover truth; it is the special mission of philosophy to unify and systematize truth; it is the special mission of art to put a robe of beauty on the truth; and it is the distinctive mission of religion to kindle in the heart a love for the truth.

More than any other religion in the world, Mormonism fulfils this high mission of religion. By its new revelations of God’s purposes regarding the establishment of His Kingdom on the world, it intensifies faith in God and awakens the deathless love for truth that leads to the glorification of the beautiful, the good, and the true.

District Highlights

"Brevity is the soul of wit."—Shakespeare.

CAPE DISTRICT.

An event which will be long remembered as a highlight of 1938 was the Musical Festival held at "Cumorah," Wednesday, 28th September. Costumed Choral numbers under the direction of Sister Violet Taylor, spiced by featured solo work by Olga Stockley, John Wilson and Reuben Dix Peek, featured the evening's entertainment.

Guests artists for the evening were Mrs. Ethel Oram and Mr. Harold Littleworth. Both proved to be very popular.

On 21st October, Paul D. Backman, District President, accompanied by Elder Wm. D. Wiscomb, returned from a trip around the district. Members in Malmesbury, De Hoek, and Robertson were visited.

Parow Branch held a Special Sacrament Service on Sunday, 25th October. A crowd of over 50 attended to hear a sermon by President Folland and musical items by the "Cumorah Minute Men" composed of Elders Ellsworth, Hodgson, Wiscomb and Backman.

A hearty welcome is extended to Brother Arthur Gilbertson who is again with us. He has come down from Natal and is intending to make his home in Cape Town.

Sister Phyllis Orton, from Johannesburg, has been a recent visitor.

ANNOUNCEMENT! Do not forget the Relief Society Bazaar on the 5th of November. The Bazaar will open at 2 p.m. and will continue straight through until 8 p.m. At 8 p.m. there will be a special programme of music and other entertainments.

PORT ELIZABETH.

Sympathy is extended the parents and relatives of Deryk Fugard who passed away at the Provincial Hospital. He was in his 15th year of life.

Saturday, the 17th, the Sunday School conducted a social in the home of Brother and Sister Griffith. Proceeds of the evening were turned over to the building fund.

On the 22nd the Primary rambled down to the Baakens River valley and spent a delightful afternoon.

Elder Joseph R. Meservy, who has acted for the past few months as District President, boarded the *Sistiana*, Thursday, the 29th. He will spend two or three weeks in Cape Town and then will depart for home.

Elder Meservy spent 15 months of his mission in Port Elizabeth and has rendered a service that will always be remembered.

The Relief Society held a social at Forester's Hall on the 29th. The proceeds were turned over to the Building Fund.

Brother Albert Evans has gone to Cape Town where he plans to make his home.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT.

2nd September, the Liahona Relief Society Dance was sponsored at Ramah to raise money for the Liahona Building Fund.

3rd September, an attendance party was given by the Sunday School as an award for increased attendance at Sunday School. The total attendance has now been raised to 50. A movie of several reels, plus ice cream, cake, sweets, and drinks all helped to make a very enjoyable party. Elder W. Dean Taylor delivered his farewell speech at "Ramah," the 4th, and on the 6th a farewell party was given in his honour.

Baptisms.

25th September:—Jan Hendrik Salomon van Molendroff, of Springs, was baptized by Reaford E. Futter and confirmed by H. M. H. Lund. Cornelia M. Jubber, of Springs, was baptized by H. M. H. Lund and confirmed by Norman G. Muir. Elizabeth M. Wilhelminia Burger, of Springs, was baptized and confirmed by Elder Gene L. Stoman.

October 3rd, Aubrey A. Muir married Dulcie van Lingen at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Southern Suburbs. Aubrey is the son of L. G. Muir.

Brother and Sister Spear, of Bloemfontein, visited Ramah and Liahona.

NATAL.

Durban.

An interesting social was held on 21st September to raise funds for the Christmas Tree. The evening was spent in playing games and singing.

Visitors to Durban this month were Brother E. Wright and Sister Tex Smith and daughters, Signe and Joy, all from Johannesburg.

Elders Taylor and Irons passed through Durban on their way home and spent a few days seeing Durban and visiting.

Brother Gilbertson, who has been employed at the Doll House, has been transferred to Cape Town.

Miss Ruby Phillips left on the 17th of September for a short vacation.

Pietermaritzburg.

The lantern lecture, "Forgotten Empires," was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knowles.

Elder V. J. Allen was the guest speaker at the Sunday Evening Service held the 15th of September. A record crowd was in attendance to receive his message.

With The Missionaries

CAPE DISTRICT:

Elder Paul D. Backman, District President, "Cumorah," Main Rd., Mowbray. Phone 6-3334.

Elders Dean A. Ellsworth, Wm. D. Wiscomb, Quinten E. Crockett, King Smith Udall, J. Keith Hansen.

Mowbray Branch: "Cumorah," Main Road, Mowbray.

SERVICES: Sunday, 10.30 a.m. and 7.0 p.m.; Tuesday, Mutual, 7.45 p.m.; Wednesday, Primary, 4.0 p.m.; Thursday, Priesthood and Relief Society, 7.45 p.m.; Genealogical Class each 2nd Sunday, 8.15 p.m.

Woodstock Branch: Sunday School, 10.30 a.m., "Deseret," Rhodes Avenue; Thursday, Primary, 4.0 p.m. "Ivy Lodge," Upper Chester Road.

Parow Branch: Sunday Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT:

Gene L. Stoman, District President, 395, Commissioner Street, Fairview, Johannesburg. Phone 24-3669.

Elders Harold M. H. Lund, Harold E. Larsen, Max V. Shurtliff.

Ramah Branch: 395, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

SERVICES: Sunday, 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Mutual, 8.0 p.m.; Wednesday, Primary, 3.0 p.m.; Thursday, Priesthood and Relief Society, 8.0 p.m.

Liahona Branch: Sunday, 10.30 a.m., 20, Petunia Street, Rosettenville.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE: 7.30 p.m., Masonic Hall, Main Road, Kenilworth.

Springs Branch: "Castle Mansions," Third Street.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Waterval Branch: 153, Kemp Avenue, Waterval Estate.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10.30 a.m. and 6.0 p.m.

Pretoria Branch: Poynton's Building, 173b, Church Street, East.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE: 7.30 p.m.

NATAL DISTRICT:

Elder W. Lee Freeman, District President.

Elders Victor Jay Allen, Harold Dean Jensen, Robert S. Kirkham.

Durban Branch: Perla Siedle Studio, Buchanan Building, West and Russel Streets.

SERVICES: Sunday, 10.30 a.m. and 7.0 p.m.; Wednesday, Priesthood and Relief Society, 7.30 p.m.

Pietermaritzburg Branch: Good Templars' Hall, Longmarket Street.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES: 7.0 p.m.

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT:

Elder Burns Love Dunford, District President.

Elder Gail C. Meier.

SERVICES: Forresters' Hall, Palm Street. Port Elizabeth: Sunday, 10.30 a.m. and 7.0 p.m.; Primary, Wednesday, 3.0 p.m.; Priesthood and Relief Society: Thursday, 8.0 p.m.; Weekly Cottage Meeting, Tuesday, 8.0 p.m., 100, Mackay Street.

Elder Grant B. Hodgson, Mission Secretary.

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